

SWANN ENDS ROSENBERG'S ALIBI FILMSY

District Attorney Questions Many Witnesses in Cohen Murder Case.

CRAY DOUBTS GUILT

Detective Says "Singing Waiter" Didn't Have Nerve to Kill Gambler.

It is to Young Corbett, pugilist and phrase maker, that one turns instantly for an adequate description of Morris Rosenberg, singing waiter, who abides in the West Side jail awaiting what District Attorney Swann may present the facts in his case to a Grand Jury and request his indictment for the homicide of Harry Cohen, gambler and burglar.

It was in the days when he began to put on embonpoint and his digestion from the first to the second rank of pugilism had definitely set in, that the debonair Corbett, who loved a jest even when he himself was the butt of it, added the term and description "stopper" to the vocabulary of Broadway. A "stopper" is one who carries in the place where he is employed a "stopper" and whenever he desires currency or suspects his neighborhood "stopper" the person seen or assumed to have it and requests the accommodation of a "stopper" in the report yesterday of Inspector Cray of the detective bureau, whose men are assisting the public prosecutor in uncovering the alibi and antecedents of both Rosenberg and the man with whose assassination he is charged, Rosenberg was a "stopper" and on the smallest scale. He fetched, carried and ran errands for whoever would grant him a tiny stake. A prediction for song and faith in his underworld as a singer had been about his little reliability in his calling he had ever had. But the point which Inspector Cray stresses most strongly is that he was not only inordinately vain, but lacked the courage essential to the killing of a fly.

Swann Builds Up Case.

Judge Swann and Assistant District Attorney Smith conceive him a pugilist bravo, who, assigned to the task of silencing Cohen for the good of the gambling breed, added to his pugilistic vivacity and discharged it with reckless disregard of the consequences. They believe as unimaginative and filmy the alibi which he has put forward. This he spent two days in the examination of witnesses by whose testimony they hope to fix the charge of murder upon him. But first, Inspector Cray, testified frankly that the attempt to make Rosenberg out an instrument of the gambler's vengeance will fail miserably.

"I can tell you, that this bird makes him out a stopper of the kind that is found in Seventh avenue back rooms and the cheapest sort of tin horn gambling resorts. He began his career as a waiter, but he did not have even a little place of his own after he had got somebody to put up the bank roll and had agreed to spend his whole time in a good cause and serve tables with his two man staff."

"Well, before he embarked as proprietor on his own account he had been fired from a waiter's job because he always wanted to sing while he slung the hash and suds. When he gets his own place the temptation becomes irresistible and he goes on the day after the damper behind the cashier's desk is turned off by the waiters themselves while the boss is in the room trying out his voice on a new song."

His Nerve Gone.

"He was a lion and, and it is always possible for one to be a lion and a lion in first rank crime while the stuff is working strong in him. This fellow took it any way he could get it. If he couldn't raise the price of a pig or a hen he blew the horn and hoped for luck in the morning. But his nerve died long ago. I don't say he might not have turned Cohen over to the cops, but he wouldn't have done it. He had a man in a den and after he had trailed his man for hours, he knew he got the man out on his feet, but he was there that night as he believed like a cut calf."

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Witnesses Dismissed Swann.

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Smith Questions Alibi.

And finally Mr. Smith, Assistant District Attorney, said: "The Greek was all right until he was confronted with Yvonne, a girl whom Rosenberg admits he saw during the evening before the murder and who was in here to-day. When he was confronted with her he wasn't so certain as he had been. And she has no motive to lie. I believe her in all respects. She says she was in the restaurant and had a sandwich and a cup of coffee with Rosenberg, and she remembers that there was another man and woman there. The Greek forgot it. What do you know about that?"

"As for the motive, that the gambling crowd wanted to get Cohen out of the way, I have no difficulty in establishing. But he had been down here giving in-

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PROMISED

Promoters Came to Grief When They Met Wise Man in Babylon.

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